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■ MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Port fighter loses bout,
 but not her title

DAVE JOHNSON
 Tribune Staff

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — It was a night of tapouts, knockouts and a couple of questionable decisions at Raging Wolf IX: Mayhem in the Mist Saturday night.
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■ FESTIVAL: More than 20,000 people expected to attend



Head to Wainfleet

MARYANNE FIRTH
 InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Travel back in time Labour Day weekend. More than 20,000 people are expected to do just that for the 22nd annual Marshville Heritage Festival.

The festival, which celebrates life in the 1850s and 1860s, takes place Sept. 4, 5 and 6 at Marshville Heritage Village in Wainfleet.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
 Margaret Robertson, chair of the Marshville Heritage Festival, displays the newest addition to this year's event — a 1912 cash register from the National Cash Register Co. in Toronto. The festival takes place Sept. 4, 5 and 6 at Marshville Heritage Village in Wainfleet.

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Questionable decisions at Raging Wolf IX

FROM PAGE A1

One of the lawsuits and questionable decisions involved Port Colborne fighters Sam Pascuzzi and Alexis Davis.

In the main event, Port Colborne's Davis, Raging Wolf's bantamweight champion, lost a three-round decision, though not her title, to Elaina Maxwell who is based out of San Jose, Calif.

It was a decision that shocked her coach, Dave Dayboll, and stunned Davis' friends and family who crossed the border to watch the fight.

"I gave Alexis two of the three rounds in the fight. She managed cage control and dictated the pace of the fight," said Dayboll, adding he would try to protest the decision.

Pascuzzi fought fellow Canadian Taylor Solomon of Port Dover: Six Nations at a catch weight of 180 pounds. Pascuzzi took the fight with Solomon on two days notice after Solomon's original opponent, Buffalo's T.J. Sumler, pulled out because of a hand injury.

■ MARSHVILLE

Family-oriented festival will take you back to the 19th century

FROM PAGE A1

"The festival is very family-oriented, very hands-on," said festival chair Margaret Robertson.

There's lots to see, lots to do, lots to hear and lots to smell," she said with a laugh. "With an abundance of crafts, demonstrators, entertainers and food vendors, the three-day event offers some-

thing for everyone.

More than 400 volunteers donate their time, dressing in period costumes and performing hands-on demonstrations, such as rope making and timber framing, which adds to the atmosphere of the village.

Seeing how work was once done and how items were once created is a real eye-opener for many people who visit the vil-

lage, Robertson said.

While the festival celebrates the traditional ways that were at one time everyday life in Windsor, it has also created present day family traditions for people around the region, she said.

"People come back year after year after home. It's a great family outing to end the summer with."

Festival hours are Saturday,

Sept. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for visitors aged 10 and older, and free for children under 10.

On the Saturday only, seniors will be admitted for \$5.

The festival's car show has always drawn a crowd, Robertson said, so this year organizers decided to expand

it to cover all three days.

Vehicles from 1950 and earlier will be shown on Saturday, and models from 1960 to 1974 on display the Sunday.

On the Monday, the Niagara British Car Club and the Vintage Motorcycles Niagara Division will be exhibiting vehicles on site.

This year's entertainment lineup will include the Torchmen Gospel Quartet,

Peace River Band, Toasted Western Swing Band and Lindsay Mills, as well as children's entertainers the Smudges, Fundas and Calvin the Magician.

A church service will be held on the Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with pastor John Sider.

For more information and a detailed schedule for the performers, visit www.marshville-heritagefestival.com.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff photo
Sam Pascuzzi, in black trunks, tries to take down fellow Canadian Taylor Solomon, of Six Nations-Port Dover representing Iroquois MMA Fight Team from Six Nations of the Grand River, during their fight Saturday night.

dropped down to three rounds and made a non-title fight.

"I was disappointed she didn't make weight," she said, adding she trained for a five-round fight.

Pascuzzi didn't know when he would be fighting again, but Davis will defend her title in November against Tonya Evinger, who she beat back in May. Evinger won a fight in

Raging Wolf in July, giving her the title shot against whoever won the Davis-Maxwell title fight.

"Tonya will probably be a whole new fighter. I know I'll be a whole new fighter," she said.

Raging Wolf's next fight will be in November at Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel. djohnson@wellandtribune.ca



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■ RAGING WOLF IX MAYHEM IN THE MIST

Port fighters in action at Seneca Niagara



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
Above and below, Alexis Davis grapples with Elaina Maxwell during their fight last Saturday at Raging Wolf IX. Mayhem in the Mist. Davis lost the three-round fight by decision to Maxwell. The decision shocked her coach and fans.



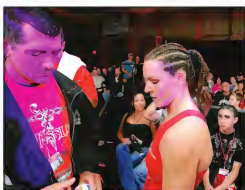
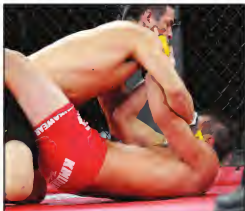
DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
Sam Pascuzzi, in black trunks above and at right, tries to get inside the guard of fellow Canadian Taylor Solomon, of Six Nations-Port Dover representing Ingois MMA Fight Team from Six Nations of the Grand River, during their fight Saturday night during Raging Wolf IX Mayhem in the Mist at Seneca Niagara Casino. Pascuzzi took the fight on two days' notice after Solomon's original opponent pulled out due to an injury. Solomon defeated Pascuzzi via arm bar submission.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
UFC legend Royce Gracie laughs as he poses with Alexis Davis after her fight with Elaina Maxwell at Raging Wolf IX at Seneca Niagara Casino

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
Dave Dayboll, of Dayboll Jiu-Jitsu and Fitness Academy, gets ready to put vaseline on Alexis Davis' face before her fight last Saturday against Elaina Maxwell.

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Festival time

Travel back in time Labour Day weekend at the 22nd annual Marshville Heritage Festival.

The annual three-day event draws crowds of more than 20,000 people to the centre of the township.

It celebrates what life was like back in the 1850s and 1860s with a collection of buildings called Marshville Heritage Village.

Many of those buildings are from the township, some from outside, and are accurate to the time period they represent. Some of the families that owned those buildings are still around today.

The Dean Sawmill is operated by members of the Dean family. And in addition to the sawmill, there's a working blacksmith with local looking at.

More than 400 volunteers donate their time, dressing in period costumes and performing hands-on demonstrations, such as rope making and timber framing, which adds to the atmosphere of the villages.

Seeing how work was once done and how items were once created is a real eye-opener for many people who visit the village, festival chair Margaret Robertson.

While the festival celebrates the traditional ways that were once done every day in Marshville, it has also created present day family traditions for people around the region, she said.

"People come back year after year after year. It's a great family thing to do and the summer with."

We agree with Robertson, the festival is a great way to end the summer with the family.

We'd encourage those who have never been to the festival and those that haven't been in a few years to head out to Wainfleet and check it out. We'll be there.

Deadline approaching

There's only one week left for any potential candidates to get their papers together and file their name at city hall.

While almost every ward in Wainfleet has at least two candidates running, Ward 2 — as this vote being written — still only had one candidate listed as running. We hope at least one, or more, put their names forward for that seat within the next week.

We're glad to see no one is guaranteed a seat at council table for the next four years. We think the current council is doing a good job, but it's a good thing when people want to challenge them. It means people are taking an interest in the city and what's going on and then more. More candidates means more, new and different ideas brought to the table. It means we have a healthy democracy.

And speaking of health democracy's, we'd encourage everyone to get out and vote.

Make sure your voice is heard.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

Coming home

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First Evangelical Lutheran Church

"I love it here. You can sing as loud as you want. That dude waits on the organ. It's a dude up there tells stories. It's almost a religious experience!"

— Leo, That 70s Show

I love church, and not because I'm a pastor.

I loved church long before I even thought about being a pastor. It probably doesn't hurt that I grew up in the church. I was baptized when I was about 2½ months old. I grew up going to Sunday School, learning the stories of our faith. As a teenager I participated in the activities of the church youth group. That's where I met the girl who would become my wife.

The people in the church are my extended family. The church is home to me. Now my children are growing up in the church and I pray that they will come to think of it as their home and family too.

This weekend marks the unofficial end to summer. That's kind of a drag. There's a laid back feel to summer, a

good feeling. Schedules aren't as strict. You can go with the flow. A lot of people take vacation time to get away from the everyday. It like a lot.

But the end of summer is also a homesickness. We come back to a routine, a routine that can be very comfortable. One thing that I appreciate when I come home from a vacation is my bed. No bed in any hotel or in our trailer can compare to my bed. I don't think I ever sleep as well as I do in my own bedroom. There are other comforts at home. I have everything I need or know where to get it because inevitably, on any vacation, either I forget to pack something or I don't have the space to take something along that I might want.

In our church we have Homecoming Sunday every year on the Sunday after Labour Day. People have come back from vacation. Kids are back to school, and we invite everyone back to their church home. Some may have been away for a little while. Some may have been away from their church home for a while. Some may have never not have a church home at all. All are welcome.

Our Homecoming Sunday has turned into a Homecoming Weekend because

on the Saturday we're having a pig roast dinner followed by a movie after the sun goes down, all of it out on the church lawn weather permitting.

Everyone is welcome. Now I'm not telling you about this to solicit people away from other churches. If you have a church home I encourage you to go there. If you've been away for a while, go back to your church home. If you've been away for a long time, maybe years, go back to your church home. If you don't have a church home think about finding one. Maybe a friend or neighbour has a church home and would take you with them if you asked.

If you are part of a church family and have a church home, think about those people who haven't been to their church home for a while, or a longer time, maybe years. Think about those people, friends, family, co-workers, neighbours, who don't have a church home. Pray for them and invite them to your church home.

As Leo said, "It's almost a religious experience." In a church home, with a church family, we hear about the love of God in Jesus Christ. As we find our home in God and God's church we grow in faith and love. Come home.

■ FESTIVAL: Let the festivities begin

It's Marshville time again

If there is a better festival anywhere that celebrates the way we were then Marshville, I certainly haven't found it.

It's hard to believe this weekend's Wainfleet extravaganza is the 22nd annual. As the old adage goes, time really does fly.

I recall being the Port Colborne reporter for The Tribune and covering the first Marshville Heritage Festival.

It was small, much tinker than what it has blossomed into over the years. To their credit, festival organizers have gone out of their way to ensure there is something added and new each year. The fact the entire event is pulled off by volunteers never ceases to amaze me.

And it was all created almost a quarter of a century ago thanks to the vision of four men — Ken Dayboll, Art Dean, Robert Dean and Robert Shoalts.

Wainfleet really is a special place, and a shining example of what can be



George Duma
BY GEORGE

accomplished when everyone checks their eggs at the door in order to simply get the job done.

Oh, there are many to this event that's almost impossible to explain.

It begins in the huge parking field when the tractor-trailer picks you up near your vehicle and deposits you at the gates.

It continues when you walk through, past all the eateries offering their goodies, goodies you know you'll come back for before leaving for the day.

But first, there is so much to explore. Demonstrations?

Oh, there are many.

You can check out timber framing,

Wainfleet really is a special place, and a shining example of what can be accomplished when everyone checks their eggs at the door in order to simply get the job done."

rope making, carving, spinning, horse-drawn equipment, grain preparation, and antique tractors and cars.

Are you bringing the kids?

Good, because there's so much for them as well. There are wagon rides, the popular children's group The Smudge Puddles, Calvin the Magician and to wash down all the good times, a free cup of apple cider, some of the best cider they may ever taste.

How about kicking back with some music?

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■ DUMA



Marshville Heritage Festival takes you back in time

FROM PAGE 44

This year, the featured entertainers are The Torchmen, The Peace River Band, The Toasted Western Swing Band and new this year is a dear old friend of mine, Lindsey Mills.

ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo
Ridgeway resident Peter Parry pounds on some glowing hot metal demonstrating the art of blacksmithing, one of the spectacles to be seen at the Marshville Heritage Festival over Labour Day weekend.

I haven't seen Lindsey in ages and it will be wonderful to catch up with her between sets.

All this is on top of the more than 115 Ontario artisans who put their high quality, handcrafted merchandise up for sale in various spots around the Marshville site, which is basically the Wainfleet Village Sports Complex and the surrounding heritage buildings.

To do this properly, you really need to give yourself a few hours. It's so wonderful to go and take it all in, let it

just pour over you.

It's a total experience, the sights, the sounds, and the aromas and there are times when you really do feel like you're back in the 1700s and the 1800s.

The Marshville Heritage Festival starts Saturday morning at 9:30 and wraps up Monday afternoon at 5 p.m.

And it's all for only six bucks.

As I said, it's totally staffed by volunteers so all the money raised goes right back into the maintenance of the heritage buildings.

The wonderful folks of Wainfleet get this whole thing so right every year. It's like it's their annual gift to the rest of us.

And for that, they deserve a warm and heartfelt thank you.

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Badaway wants another term

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — An effective leader is someone who not only speaks about what needs to be done, but focuses on how to make it happen, says Vance Badaway.

"It's about strategies resulting in solutions," he told the crowd gathered out front of Port Colborne city hall Friday morning.

Badaway believes he's an effective mayor and is asking the community to stand behind him as he seeks re-election Oct. 25.

Residents have put trust in him to get the job done, he said, which is what he intends to do.

"This is where I work, and this is where I want to continue to work, as your mayor," he said, joined at the podium by wife Lisa and daughters Logan and Jordan.

"Allow me to continue to represent you with a strong and effective voice and strong

and effective presence, not only here in the city but also at the region, Queen's Park and in Ottawa," he told the crowd.

The 45-year-old began his political career as a city councillor in 1994. In 1997, he took on the role of mayor, which he held until 2003. Badaway did not seek re-election in 2003, but did reprise the role in 2006.

Badaway said he's been "extremely privileged" to work with a "great team," including council, city staff and community members.

In the past two years, the city has "brought more than \$60 million in federal, provincial and regional tax dollars back to the taxpayers of Port Colborne," Badaway said.

"We've had 20 years of capital projects accelerated over the last two years because we were able to get those dollars."

The city's presence and voice has allowed those projects to move forward



Staff Photo

Vance Badaway is seeking another term as Port Colborne's mayor.

with "no impact to property taxpayers."

He said a strong and effective voice will help the city continue to move forward with its blueprint for health care, which will hopefully see the reopening of Port Colborne's emergency department.

He hopes to ensure that every health-care service and social service program needed by the community be available and accessible for all residents.

Badaway said new energy industry and the potential for marketing city land will be key moving the city's economy forward.

It's also important that the businesses currently located in Port Colborne feel "comfortable and confident enough" to consider expanding within the city, he said.

Badaway said he also plans to focus on the city's aging infrastructure.

He hopes Port Colborne will be able to obtain additional funding from upper tier governments to ensure the burden doesn't fall on either the taxpayers of today or generations of the future.

Also running for mayor is Ward 2 Coun. Frank DiBartolomeo.

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■ **WEATHER:** It's been hot, but not too humid



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Despite hot temperatures this summer, water conditions that can sometimes cause temporary beach closures were on par with years past. Above, a group of St. Catharines residents enjoyed the water last week at Port Colborne's Nickel Beach.

'This was a terrific summer'

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A lack of humidity helped keep smog to a minimum and beaches packed to a maximum this summer.

Despite high temperatures experienced in Niagara throughout the season, only two heat alerts have been issued so far this summer, said Bill Hunter, Niagara Region's manager of environmental health.

In order to issue a heat alert or smog advisory, temperatures must exceed 40°C with the humidity, he said. Niagara

only breached that point a few times, and only twice for any extended duration.

"For most people, this was a terrific summer. We haven't really hit that uncomfortable stage too much with the humidity," he said.

Smog alerts are generally associated with high temperatures, because humidity makes it difficult for certain contaminants to disperse in the air, Hunter said.

"We had lots of sunshine and warm temperatures, but not a lot of humid days."

He said the region was "on par" this year with smog advisories and heat alerts issued in 2009, which was "surprising" given there were so many sunny days.

Hunter said the region will continue to monitor for excessive heat until the end of September, when after a few weeks, staff will begin monitoring for excessive cold.

Water conditions, which sometimes lead to temporary beach closures due to high E. coli levels, remained average, he said, and were similar to 2009.

The comparison isn't entirely clear, however, as the region has been doing more testing of local waters this year than has in the past, he said.

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■ **NEVER ASSUME:** Canadian Pacific Railway says don't trespass

Transformers are dangerous

InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — People should never assume transformers on railway property aren't in use or are inactive, said Canadian Pacific Railway's Breaanne Feigel.

The railway spokeswoman said doing so could result in serious injuries or a fatality, like the death last week of a 33-year-old Welland man, electrocuted after allegedly attempting to steal copper wire from a transformer box.

Niagara Regional Police said Robert Fuller was electrocuted at the ground-level transformer box after he and two others made their way down a gravel road that runs parallel to train tracks and Lambert Rd., off Phillips Rd., and broke into it.

At 12:15 a.m. last

Wednesday, police received a 911 call from one of the people involved, informing them of the incident.

Darryll Smith, 36, and Laura Stanyar, 39, both of Welland, were charged with theft under \$5,000. The two were released from police custody on a promise to appear in court.

Commenting on the tragedy over her Calgary office, Feigel said, "The box was clearly marked with signage saying high voltage and it was locked as well. This person had to break into it.

"This is an unfortunate situation."

She said Canadian Pacific has to deal with copper wire theft from its properties across the country and works with local authorities, and its own police service, to prevent such crimes.

People who access

Canadian Pacific property can be hit with a trespassing charge, which can carry up to a \$10,000 fine if the company decides to exercise its rights.

Criminal charges can also be brought against a person, depending on what they have done on the property.

While it was a transformer box targeted near the company's yard in Wainfleet, Feigel said telecommunication and signal boxes have been hit by thieves as well.

After learning Fuller's name, Sun Media searches revealed that in October

2005, he and another man were arrested after a motorcycle and ATV were stolen in Wainfleet and charged with break, enter and theft.

In October 2004, Fuller and three other people were arrested in connection to theft of copper wire from Pelham hydro towers. Canine units found the four, who were all charged with theft over \$5,000 and possession of stolen property over \$5,000.

Fuller had a long list of convictions spanning two decades, violated his parole and served time in prison, a source confirmed.



KAESHA FORAND
Staff Photo

A 33-year-old man died allegedly trying to steal copper from this Wainfleet transformer on Wednesday morning.



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■ **TRAFFIC:** Three options for historic canal-side street, where merchants' opinions appear to be split

What's best for West?

JOHN VESSYOYAN
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — One day, you could find yourself going one-way on West St.

There's a possibility the historic street along the Welland Canal in Port Colborne could be converted from its two-way designation.

The city is considering a few options for the future of West St. as part of the Downtown Central Business District community improvement plan and urban design guidelines and traffic study.

Kevin Muir of GSP Group and Luciano Piccolini of RCI

Consulting conducted a traffic study and presented three recommendations to city council, which include leaving the downtown street as it is, converting it to one-way traffic between Clarence and Charlotte streets or making it a one-way from Clarence to Kent.

The planners said one-way street options have low to minimal impact on other streets.

Ward 3 Coun. Gary Bruno said he needs to hear more from the planners and merchants on the street before coming to a conclusion.

He said West St. is successful because of its location and the goods and ser-

vices its businesses provide.

Traffic flow, he said, is not a major factor in the success.

"It is imperative that the business owners, particularly on West St. are heard and understood," Ward 2 Coun. Frank DiBartolomeo wrote in an e-mail to *The Tribune*. "Overall, the one-way is appealing from a tourism, hospitality, retail destination. They do work in many other cities both in North America as well as Europe."

"The one thing everyone has to keep in mind is that we won't really know unless we put it in place for a specified period. If it is not

benefit to the overall downtown improvement area, it can easily be reverted back to its original state with very little cost and time. We all have to be cognizant of the fact that change can be good even if it comes with some sacrifices."

A change such as this could have a big impact on area business owners, said Ward 1 Coun. David Barrick, who is past-president of the chamber of commerce, adding that he's received mix reviews from the merchants he has spoken with so far.

"The fact is that West St. merchants are the ones who will be the most affected by any changes," Barrick said.

"As such, I will represent the majority of their interests."

"Some will benefit from this proposed plan with potentially wider sidewalks and patio extensions — others will not benefit with the reduction in traffic by their storefront."

The planners presented a report of their findings during a council meeting in Port Colborne Monday night.

A public meeting followed the presentation. Council will be required to vote on the issue at a future council meeting.

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■ **TRAFFIC:** Business owners split on what's best

Opinions go both ways on one-way traffic

KAESHA FORAND
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — West St. business owners are divided on what should be done to the historic street.

John Mayne and wife Mickey are among the possible conversion to a one-way street. John said "two-way traffic always gives a businessman two perspectives."

When he sees one-way streets, such as Main St. in Welland or St. Paul St. in St. Catharines (which was recently converted to a two-way street), he sees businesses that have struggled to attract shoppers.

When the Clarence St. bridge is up, motorists typically avoid the bridge and cross over at one of the other two bridges, steering even more traffic away from West St.

He believes the installation of a traffic light at the West and Clarence Sts. intersection would be more effective to manage traffic.

The Maynes own 244 West St., currently occupied by the British Baking Co. and 6, 8, 14 and 16 Clarence St. occupied by various businesses. John Mayne said five of seven business owners on West St. are against the possible conversion and "in a democracy usually the majority wins, but when it's somebody's vision,

it wins."

Despite opposition, he believes the plan to convert West St. to a one-way street will move forward.

Port Colborne/Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloot is also opposed to the change.

"Personally I think two-way traffic is definitely the way to go. More cars mean more people and the easiest access is the best access."

He said the chamber has not yet been consulted on the project, but intends on representing West St. merchants' views.

"We will do our best to support port chamber members."

On the other end of the spectrum, Greg and Rosemarie Polsson of the CanalSide Pub and Eatery support the conversion to a one-way street.

"I'm in support of it because it will eliminate unnecessary traffic on West St.," Rosemarie said. "Because of the way buildings on one side of the street it's a perfect opportunity and a perfect street."

She believes one-way traffic would encourage motorists to slow down and enjoy the historic street and its shops, rather than buildings on one side of the street to be redirected some traffic to King St. would benefit its business owners.

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■ WAR OF 1812 CELEBRATIONS



KAESHA FORAND

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Port Colborne's War of 1812 projects received a boost Wednesday with a \$5,000 donation from Sgt. Don Feduck, centre, a First Canadian Parachute Battalion member during the Second World War. Brian Heaslip, chair of the city's 1812 bicentennial committee accepted the cheque, which kicks off the museum's \$20,000 fundraising initiative to relocate and rededicate the Zavitz Mill monument. Other projects include a map of the area during the war created by Stephen Brule, the museum's graphic designer for the summer.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Wainfleet will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 19M43 Highway 3, Wainfleet. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the consultant and staff recommendation for a new Township Official Plan. Any inquiries with respect to this matter should be directed to Mr. Charles V. Miller, Manager of Planning at (905) 899-3463, extension 225.

municipal elections 2010



Notice of Revision of Voters' List Municipal Elections Act 1996 s. 23(2)

Beginning September 1, 2010, the Voters' List for the Township of Wainfleet will be available for inspection at the Municipal Office during regular business hours as follows:

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday,
19M43 Highway 3, P.O. Box 40, Wainfleet ON L0S 1V0.

The List will also be available during the Wainfleet Fall Fair at a kiosk on the fairgrounds, Thursday September 23rd through Saturday September 25th.

Residents are encouraged to check that their information on the Voters' List is correct and, if it is not, to file the necessary applications for correction with the Clerk well in advance of voting day.

The period for revisions to the Voters' List is from September 7th to October 25th 2010. During this period a person may make an application to the Clerk requesting that their name be added to or removed from the VOTERS' List or that the information on the VOTERS' List relating to them be amended. Identification is required for additions to the Voters' List.

Applications to remove another person's name from the Voters' List may be made between September 7th and September 10th 2010.

Application forms will be available at the Clerk's office and on the Township website www.township.wainfleet.on.ca once the revision period commences. Completed application forms may be filed in person by the applicant or his or her agent or by mail by the applicant.

The application must be signed by the elector.

Electors may also phone in an enquiry to the Municipal Office, 905-899-3463. The elector must be prepared to provide their complete information including name, address, and date of birth. An elector can only enquire about their own information. Staff will confirm whether or not their information matches or is found on the list. Due to privacy issues, staff cannot conduct a search based on incomplete information.

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You can REQUEST your special ballot by providing a completed application together with required identification to the Clerk's Office. The last day to request a ballot in this manner is October 15th. You will RECEIVE a ballot kit very promptly after your request is received and verified. You must RETURN your ballot in the secure envelopes before close of polls on polling day.

The Special Ballot/Voter Initiated Mail In Ballot application form will be available at the Clerk's office and on the Township website September 15th, 2010.

If you have questions about the Revision process or for more information about working for the event or the Special Ballot voting option please contact the Municipal Office, 905-899-3463 or visit the website at www.township.wainfleet.on.ca

■ **CARING:** Donations may be made in Port Colborne

Orphanages supplied with school supplies

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — For children whose lives have been interrupted by war, disaster and poverty, school kits mean the possibility of a better future and the knowledge that people far away care about them.

Ten Thousand Villages is again collecting supplies

for school kits that will be sent by Mennonite Central Committee to children around the world.

Each kit contains four notebooks, four unsharpened pencils, a ruler, a large eraser and a package of 12 coloured pencils. These supplies are packed in hand-sewn fabric bags and distributed by Mennonite Central Committee partner agencies

in schools and orphanages in Haiti, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ukraine, Sudan and many other countries.

More than 100,000 school kits are distributed every year.

"It is extremely rewarding to be part of a project that brings happiness, hope and encouragement to so many children and their families," says Tracy Tarran assistant manager of the

Ten Thousand Villages store in Port Colborne.

"In some countries, children are not allowed to attend classes without school supplies and a Mennonite Central Committee school kit makes it possible for them to go to school. Our efforts to buy a few extra school supplies can make such a big difference in the lives of children."

Supporting education and empowering families is in keeping with the goals and objectives of Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization that purchases products from more than 130 artisan groups in more than 35 countries, giving them fair value for their work.

"People are truly at the heart of what we do," said Tarran.

This is the 15th year Ten Thousand Villages has collected school kits for Mennonite Central Committee.

The fabric bags and list of supplies are available at Ten Thousand Villages at 7 Clarence St. or visit www.TenThousandVillages.ca or www.mcc.org/kits/school for more information.



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■ HEALTH: 'Obligation'

Port council may sue province over LHINs

JOHN VESSOYAN
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Anger and frustration could lead Port Colborne politicians to launching a lawsuit against the provincial government over illegal dealings of the Local Health Integration Networks.

Following the release of Ontario ombudsman Andre Marin's critical report of LHINs, city councillors and residents were raging mad that the LHIN held closed-door meetings to discuss the possible closure of their hospital's emergency room, which later did close to become an urgent care centre. The emergency room at Fort Erie's Douglas Memorial Hospital also suffered the same fate.

Now, Port Colborne wants the province to be accountable. A motion was carried during a recent council meeting to seek legal advice with the possibility of filing a formal lawsuit in the future.

"We have made the move to seek that legal advice and take the appropriate steps," said Mayor Vance Badawey, who was at Queen's Park in Toronto earlier this month for the release of Marin's report called the LHIN Spin.

Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters said charges need to be laid on the Ontario government and the LHIN, which was established by the Health Services Act in 2007.

"Do whatever it takes to make sure these charges get laid because there's no way these SOB's should be getting away with this," Butters said as citizens cheered from the public gallery, may of them from the Yellow Shirt Brigade health-care advocates.

In his mayor's report, Badawey said credibility needs to be re-established within Ontario's health-care system, and it begins with the provincial government.

"Putting the legal side of it aside, there's a moral obligation here by the province to do the right thing. And that right thing

is to disband, disentangle, get rid of the LHINs. Bring back local decision making. The LHINs are not local decision makers," he said.

"Make no mistake about it, the effects of the ER closures in Port Colborne and Fort Erie are negatively impacting all communities in Niagara. To think



Barbara Butters

otherwise is being extremely naïve."

Marin ordered the local LHIN to be more transparent and accountable, which means a

allowing public consultation during meetings relating to important and controversial decisions.

In his 15-month investigation, Marin discovered that the LHIN closed meetings to the public, something that is a very serious matter, he said. Badawey said creating the LHINs was a mistake because many people who work for them — many from the Hamilton and Burlington areas — don't understand Niagara's health-care needs.

"As with all fiscal changes, we recognize the difficult task at hand and understand the difficult decisions need to be made," he said. "However, these decisions were not made with the input of those who had the most to lose or our own local health-care providers, our own local health-care committees and more importantly, our own local residents who rely on the excellent care our hospital provides."

Badawey said he wants to join forces with Fort Erie to tackle this project together. But it's unclear if Fort Erie will also be seeking legal advice. Mayor Doug Martin of Fort Erie could not be reached for comment.

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■ NIAGARA ICEDOGS



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■ HAIRCUT FOR CANCER



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Mary Pietrelli, of BonTon Hairstyling, cuts Jasmine Beaudoin's hair for donation to Locks of Love. The hair has been sent to Florida where they make wigs for cancer patients in the U.S. and Canada.

■ PORT CARES: Needs one-third of about \$1 million required for planned expansion

Reach Out Centre kitchen hungry for cash

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — After decades of assisting people in need, Port Cares is asking residents for a helping hand.

In mid-June, the agency launched its first-ever capital campaign with high hopes of gaining the community's support for a much-needed expansion at its Nickel St. site.

Port Cares Reach Out Centre, formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall, will nearly double in size once its renovation and expansion is completed by March 2011. But first, there's a matter of funding.

The provincial and federal governments provided the agency with a head-start, each providing Port Cares with \$335,000 in Infrastructure Stimulus funding.

With a price tag of more than \$1 million, the agency is still required to come up with a third of the funds.

Through the campaign, Port Cares has received \$6,000 in donations from individuals and businesses within the community, said development officer Pam Swick Janjac.

The agency has several funding requests currently out to foundations, corporations and local businesses, she added.

"We're hoping people will support this change," she said.

The agency's goal is to help to support the growing need in the Port Colborne/Wainfleet area, especially in the Three Bridges neighbourhood where the



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Port Cares development officer Pam Swick Janjac displays design plans for the expansion of the agency's Nickel St. Reach Out Centre. A capital campaign is underway to raise funds for the project.

Nickel St. centre is located, Swick Janjac said.

"It's important that people realize this has a huge impact on the community as a whole."

The need for community support services has continued to grow in the lakeside city. With the Reach Out Centre serving more than 14,000 meals last year alone, its capacity has been met.

The renovations and addition will increase the space to

accommodate seating for 100 people and create additional food storage — allowing the

centre to house a community food bank for the Port Colborne/Wainfleet area.

Volunteers will have more space to assist with food preparation in the centre's expanded commercial kitchen, and additional office space will be included, allowing for increased support services, volunteer training opportuni-

ties, and services provided by partner agencies.

Swick Janjac said it's looking hopeful that shovels will be in the ground for the expansion by mid to late September.

Anyone interested in contributing to the campaign can visit the Port Cares main office, 92 Charlotte St., call 905-854-3629 or visit www.portcares.on.ca.

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Adult Book Club at the Wainfleet Township Public Library at 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is *Labor Day* by Joyce Maynard. Please call 905-899-1277 to register as a book club member.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

Classic Book Club at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 2 to 3 p.m. Join us for afternoon tea on the last Thursday of the month as we discuss the works of classic authors. This month's selection is *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Please call 905-899-1277 to pre-register your attendance.

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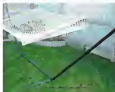
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■ ELECTION: Saracino wants to return to regional council

Veteran prepared to continue battle at Niagara Region

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Bob Saracino still has work to do.

The veteran politician, who won his first election in 1972, said his job won't be over until the emergency department is restored to Port Colborne hospital.

"Absolutely, the job regarding hospital services is not over yet. I want to complete my job," he said. "There are many unanswered questions that have to be addressed."

The city's regional councillor registered as a candidate for the same position earlier this week to launch his 14th election campaign, hoping the residents of his hometown will give him the opportunity to finish the work he's been doing lobbying the provincial government to restore services

such as the emergency department that have been taken out of the hospital.

Saracino, who spent four years as a city councillor, 18 years as Port Colborne's mayor and 13 years as regional councillor, was in front of the Port Colborne hospital Wednesday with a group of supporters to announce

his hopes for re-election Oct. 25.

In a prepared statement, he said the future of that hospital will continue to be a top priority in the upcoming term of office.

"We must not give up. We must continue to go after the

services and beds that have been taken away from us with the implementation of the hospital improvement plan, imposed on us by the Niagara Health System and the LHIN (Local Health Integration Network)," Saracino said in a prepared statement. "The Ministry of Health must conduct a full review of recent LHIN decisions that have resulted in deep cuts to needed hospital care."

He said residents "deserve timely and equitable access to acute and life-saving services as is their right under the Canada Health Act."

"My goal is to continue the fight to preserve our services here, and to do whatever it takes to get our emergency department back to what it once was." He also hopes to continue working to ensure Port Colborne gets its fair share of regional funding for projects within the city.

In this past year alone, he added, the city has seen more than \$30 million of regional investment in water system upgrades.

■ WELL-EQUIPPED: Wainfleet project cost \$50,000



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Surrounded by children from Country Kids, Mayor Barb Henderson and Ontario Trillium Foundation program manager Manfred fast cut the ribbon on a new playground in Wainfleet.

Grant pays for new playground

InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — A group of children put the township's newest playground to good use last week.

Mayor Barb Henderson and Ontario Trillium Foundation program manager Manfred fast cut the ribbon to officially open the playground, which sits between ball diamonds and a tennis court behind

Marshallville Heritage Village.

The fully-accessible playground cost \$50,000 and all of its funding came from the Trillium Foundation.

"There was no cost to taxpayers," said Greg Wuisman, Wainfleet's operations director. Kangaroo Playgrounds installed the playground at a cost of \$40,000. The extra \$10,000 went into installing two nets to ensure no foul

balls from the ball diamonds make it into the playground.

The \$10,000 also covered a fully-accessible pathway from a parking lot to the playground. The walkway is made of bonded woodchips, which are also around the playground equipment, and are strong enough to allow wheelchairs to cross over and spongy enough to protect children if they fall.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Eight-year-old Lauren Atkinson plays on the new playground equipment between two ball fields and a tennis court behind Marshallville Heritage Village in Wainfleet. The playground and walkway cost \$50,000, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

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Infant Care

Diaper Rash and Infant Colic are two areas of concern for many parents. There are some good over-the-counter remedies that can help with both issues.

Most babies develop diaper rash at some point in their infancy. Plain water should be used to clean the area. Baby wipes can be irritating and cause worsening of the condition. Washcloths can be used to clean and dry the area. Try to leave the diaper off as long as possible to allow the area to dry.

Cloth diapers may increase the incidence of diaper rash. Disposable diapers are better at pulling moisture away from the skin, however, some babies may have a reaction to the dyes in disposable diapers. If this is the case, try free diapers that can be purchased.

To help prevent and treat diaper rash, skin protectants can be used. In general the higher concentration of zinc oxide along with other various ingredients. In most of the higher concentration of zinc oxide the better the protection. If the condition is severe try a product that has close to 40% zinc oxide. Zinclofax extra-strength and Desitin Diaper Rash Ointment both have high concentrations of zinc. Another product called "Butt Paste" is quite effective. The brand name is Boudier's Butt Paste. It does not have as high a concentration of zinc but contains some other ingredients that seem to work well. However, for some children some of these other ingredients have been known to cause toxic reactions so it should be used with caution.

Yeast infections can accompany diaper rash. An antifungal agent such as nystatin or clotrimazole should be applied in such cases and then the barrier cream should be applied on top.

Topical corticosteroids may also be indicated. Guidelines suggest a low-potency steroid such as 1% hydrocortisone be used for a short duration (no more than 2 weeks). In Ontario you need a prescription from your doctor for 1% hydrocortisone cream but 0.5% cream can be purchased over the counter. Long term and high potency use should be avoided because they can cause serious side effects.

There is a specialty product that can be compounded by your pharmacy. This involves using a product called cholestyramine mixed with another base cream. If all else fails you may want to ask your doctor or pharmacist about having this made for you.

It is important to avoid using powders like talc and corn starch. These products may encourage the growth of yeast, and can cause respiratory problems for the infant if inhaled.

In severe cases treatment with a steroid cream, an antifungal, and a barrier cream may be necessary all at the same time. Apply the steroid first then the antifungal and then the barrier cream.

Infant colic is another common problem. It is characterized by inconsolable crying with no identifiable cause. It starts at two to three weeks of age, peaks at six weeks and may begin to improve at twelve weeks. There is no universally effective treatment. First steps involve swaddling the infant, walking, cutting off a pacifier, taking car rides, walking outside, trying rock from the vacuum cleaner, clothes dryer, or fan. For nursing moms, dietary changes can also be tried. Eliminating cow's milk, onions, cabbage, and broccoli. For formula fed infants a change to a non-cow's milk based formula may help.

Two over-the-counter products to try are alcohol free Gripe Water, and Infacol. The second product contains simethicone which is said to help relieve gas bubbles.

A home remedy which has been proven to have moderate success involves mixing up table sugar in water, boiling the solution and allowing it to cool. Two ml. of the solution can be given at a time. The recommended concentration of this solution is 12% (one level teaspoon of sugar in 30 ml of water). The solution should be used after cooling, or put in the refrigerator.

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■ **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS:** Port Colborne fighter opening studio in Fort Erie

Extending his reach

RAY SPITERI
QMI Agency

FORT ERIE — Sam Pascuzzi didn't plan for things to play out this way, but he isn't complaining.

The mixed martial arts fighter plans to open a club in Fort Erie early next month, just as the Ontario government takes steps to allow professional MMA matches in the province.

Pascuzzi, who currently trains at Dayboll Jiu-Jitsu and Fitness Academy in his hometown of Port Colborne, said the Fort Erie location will offer kickboxing, muay thai, Japanese and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu training.

He will be the chief instructor and said training will be open to anyone five years of age and older. The club, to be called Dayboll-Pascuzzi Jiu-Jitsu, will be in a new plaza on Garrison Rd.

"I'm going to train with (Dave Dayboll) during the day when he runs the (Fort Erie) club at night. It will be a full-time job," the 37-year-old Pascuzzi said.

"We want to spread Jiu-Jitsu around this area — our style. There's one in Dunnville, one in Port Colborne and now there will be one in Fort Erie."

Pascuzzi has trained under Dayboll, owner and chief instructor at the academy, for nine years. Dayboll, a former full-contact Jiu-Jitsu world champion, said he has been trying to persuade Pascuzzi to open a club for years. He said he's glad his understudy has "taken the leap."

"He's been with me every day for eight, nine years now. He's like a brother. He's ready for this," Dayboll said, adding he'll be visiting the Fort Erie gym periodically.

Pascuzzi began training in Japanese Jiu-Jitsu before learning the Brazilian style as well as muay thai and kick boxing.

He successfully made it through the amateur circuit, winning national medals and is now a professional MMA competitor.

Pascuzzi fights across the border in the Raging Wolf series, which is native-owned and holds events around the New land to get around the native

York state ban on MMA.

New York is one of four states that doesn't allow live MMA matches. Events are allowed in the other 46 states and by several provincial and municipal athletic commissions across Canada.

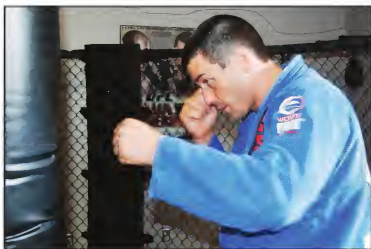
Ontario's plan, to adopt the same rules for professional MMA that are widely used across North America, was music to Pascuzzi's ears.

He, like other Niagara competitors, have had to travel long distances to fight in recent years.

"I went to Winnipeg for my first fight, which was crazy. You fly in on a Friday, you weigh in, you're tired and you fight the next day," Pascuzzi said.

"If it's in Toronto, you just drive up there, there's no jet lag. You're ready to go and you've got the support of friends and family."

Dayboll trains other Niagara fighters, such as Alexis Davis, who is the current female champion in the Raging Wolf series. Dayboll, who is also a former Canadian grappling champion, said it's difficult for local athletes to regularly have to fight outside of Canada.



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Sam Pascuzzi, who will be the chief instructor at a new mixed martial arts studio in Fort Erie, works out at Dayboll Jiu-Jitsu and Fitness Academy in his hometown of Port Colborne. Dayboll-Pascuzzi Jiu-Jitsu is scheduled to open in early September in a new plaza on Garrison Rd.

But with Ontario joining a growing list of jurisdictions that will allow MMA, he said that's about to change.

"Finally, we'll be the home team," Dayboll said. "Whenever we go anywhere now, we get booed. We're the away team. Soon, we'll be fighting on our turf, in front of our fans."

Ontario's decision also means it's likely more young

people interested in the sport will join clubs and learn various forms of MMA, Pascuzzi said.

"I'm 37, so I don't know how many years I have left. I wish I started at 10, but it wasn't like this for me."

Pascuzzi said MMA training isn't always about trying to make it pro or wanting to fight. He said people who want to get in shape or learn a new discipline can join clubs and seek out professional instructors, too.

"It teaches respect and rules

of engagement," he said. "All of the fighters I know, they're not out to hurt people. They're very humble people. They respect the sport and they respect people. You have to learn the sport and that's what we teach at the club level."

Pascuzzi said he developed that mindset by training and learning under Dayboll.

"It's so important to have clubs doing things the right way. We don't only want to build better fighters, we want to build better human beings," Dayboll said.



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■ **IMPROVEMENT:** Port Colborne looks at ways to become more successful

'You roll with the changes and you continually reinvent yourself'

JOHN VESSOYAN
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The lake-side city requires more people, more change and new life.

That's the opinion of Todd Shoalts, a Port Colborne man who is examining the city's future and who wants his hometown to flourish.

Shoalts spoke during a lengthy public meeting about the Downtown Central Business District community improvement plan and urban design guidelines and traffic study.

The 47-year-old was born and raised in the city and attended Port Colborne High School before advancing to Wilfrid Laurier University. Some of the words he uttered Monday night were directed towards youngsters, whom often head to college or university in another town or city and don't return. Shoalts came back to Port Colborne in 2000 to work for the family real estate business.

"That's why I came back, I had an opportunity there. If it wasn't for that I would not have moved back here. I had a reason and of course not everyone's got that type of reason. But, nevertheless, there has to be opportunities," he said after the meeting.

"In order for Port Colborne to continue to be successful and afford things like a new multi-use centre, we need people to live here and work here and start a business here. Some of the times things need to change. I don't know what the answer is — I don't have all the answers — but things need to change. Things like these community improvement plans are a good thing because they force the city to look at what could we do different and what could we do better."

Mayor Vance Badway said the city has been changing and evolving since at least the mid-1990s. "That's part of the business, that's part of what we do as a

municipality, that's part of what you do as a business — you roll with the changes and you continually reinvent yourself as it pertains to current business climate, political climate, lifestyle climate, demographics," Badway said.

Kevin Muir of GSP Group and Luciano Piccolini of RCI Consulting presented a report to council Monday night listing the usually positive and negative points of the city. It has a strong street presence of buildings, good supply of parking and the Welland Canal as a beautiful backdrop. But, certain aspects of the city require improvement, they said, such as more signs and displays on streets to give a strong first impression.

The cost of the community plan's preparation is \$100,000. Half is coming from city taxpayers, while the other half is from Niagara Region.

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■ **TRAFFIC:** Longtime stretch could end up named Rattler Rd.

Dilts history vs. Massasauga rattlesnake

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Dilts or Dilz?

Which name to keep and which name to change?

Donald Dilts, who lives on Dilts Rd., told Wainfleet council he has several reasons for proposing its name change to a proposed Rattler Rd.

"The road was named to

honour my family who has nearly 100 years of history in the area. What started off as a simple driveway saw land sold off to allow homes to be built."

Dilts said the road was named after his relative William J. Dilts, who settled in the area. Dilts Rd. is off of Hwy. 3 near Golf Course Rd.

Changing the name of the road would involve a cost to about 12 families that live on

the road now and might create some confusion as well. Dilts said credit card, insurance and mortgage companies would have to be notified of the change and there would be a lot of paperwork involved for everyone.

He suggested the other road — Dilz — be changed instead as there are only a few homes on the road, which is at the Dunnville border, and there

are no more Dilztes left in the area to carry on the name.

Township staffer Laurie Dayboll said the committee looking into road name changes did a lot of research before suggesting changes. She said the committee tried to take into account family names and heritage when it came to changing names.

Changes to road names need to be made to comply with 911

requirements. Street addresses across the township are also taking place to ensure emergency responders and service providers, including Bell and Enbridge, can find homes.

Adding a directional prefix, like east or west, on the two similarly-named roads wouldn't help she said, as it wouldn't distinguish the two roads from each other. And, following council's direction to not change the name of roads that come in from neighbouring municipalities, changing Dilz Rd. would not work either.

The proposed name of Rattler Rd. was chosen to represent a species-at-risk in the township — Massasauga rattlers.

"There was no disrespect intended," said Dayboll.

After some debate about what to do with Dilts Rd., Mayor Barb Henderson suggested changing the name to William J. Dilts Rd. or W.J. Dilts Rd.

Dayboll and township planner Grant Munday said they would run the name past the 911 committee to see if it met its standards.

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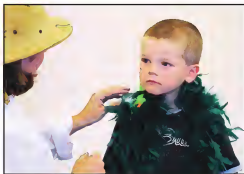
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